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USSR-UAR

- I. Minor frictions currently characterize Moscow's relations with Cairo. Soviet leaders have long been irritated over the Nasir regime's treatment of its local Communists, especially in Syria, and are presumably now somewhat perturbed over Nasir's cooperation with Tito in organizing a "neutralist summit meeting."
 - A. Khrushchev recently excoriated in private a visiting UAR delegation for UAR pretenses to being a "socialist" state while jailing Communists.
 - B. However, economic and military aid and construction on the Aswan Dam are progressing normally and present difficulties do not seem likely to lead to a serious deterioration of relations.

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